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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Action of May 23, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 as follows:

5. A high-pressure pipe assembly, comprising a metal pipe having opposite first and second ends, a connecting head adjacent said first end, said connecting head having a seat surface flared outwardly from said first end and a cylindrical surface extending from said seat surface away from said first end, said cylindrical surface having a selected outside diameter, a cylindrical body extending from said connecting head toward said second end, said cylindrical body having an outside diameter less than said selected